

Pursuing the Hunt

Kentucky Officers Connecting
Law Enforcement Through Sport

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Stress relief. Brotherhood. Recognition.
Community outreach. Peace and serenity.
These are a few things all officers could use a
little more of in their busy and demanding lives.

They also are the opportunities Matthew Humble and Jermaine Savage hope to share with the law enforcement community through their organization, Police Pursuits Outdoors.

Humble, a Russellville officer of more than seven years, and Savage, a 12-year veteran of the Kentucky State Police, have developed a unique program designed around the sport of hunting. PPO, is providing a chance for law enforcement and military officers, retired or disabled officers and children interested in the sport to get out in the woods and enjoy the great outdoors.

"We had the idea for about a year," Savage said of creating PPO with Humble. "November of last year we started talking about it more seriously, started the website, and through word of mouth, next thing you know here we are. From November to now, 39 states and 23 countries have contacted us."

The purpose of the group is simple — provide recognition for the law enforcement community and an outlet for officers, both in a positive way.

"When I'm out here, I am not worried about what I saw two nights ago," Humble said. "I don't worry about car wrecks or a baby dying. We see some gruesome stuff. All these military — I was prior military — they see some stuff over there. But out here, I don't think about anything. I haven't worried about what's going on in the city right now. Because being out here is peaceful. It's just relaxing."

Savage agreed.

"We're not in this for monetary gain," he said. "We're in it because we want to bring everybody together. We get to come in and hunt and sit out here for two, three, four hours and you don't have to worry about nothing."

Humble and Savage have traveled to several trade shows to spread their message, picked up some sponsors and have already had production companies calling them about creating a television show about what they do.

"We are just one step away from TV," Savage said. "That's laying down actual kill shots video footage. If we get 13 or 14 successful hunts, we'll be on TV. The sky is the limit then."